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Applicant:	Laura Linda Elsberg et al.	Docket	15,497
Serial No.:	09/465,853	Group:	3735
Filed:	December 17, 1999	Examiner:	Unknown
For:	DISPOSABLE ABSORBENT ARTICLES HAVING A STRETCH PANEL AND AN INTEGRATED WAIST SIZE ADJUSTMENT MECHANISM	Date:	February 21, 2000

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Assistant Commissioner For Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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The captioned application was deposited with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on December 17, 1999 for purposes of obtaining a filing date, the application papers thereof omitting the oath. Herewith please find that document submitted in compliance with the provision of 37 CFR § 1.63 along with a copy of Form PTO-1533, Notice To File Missing Parts of Application - Filing Date Granted. Please charge the surcharge of \$130.00 to Deposit Account No. 11-0875. A duplicate copy of this page is enclosed for accounting purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I, JoAnn Breister, hereby certify that on February 21, 2000 this Transmittal of Declaration and Power of Attorney in Response to Notice to File Missing Parts of Application -- Filing Date Granted and Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first-class mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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An Application Number and Filing Date have been assigned to this application. The items indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). If any of items 1 or 3 through 5 are indicated as missing, the SURCHARGE set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of ☐ \$65.00 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, or ☒ \$130.00 for a non-small entity, must also be timely submitted in reply to this NOTICE to avoid abandonment.

If all required items on this form are filed within the period set above, the total amount owed by applicant as a ☐ small entity (statement filed) ☒ non-small entity is \$ 130.

☐ 1. The statutory basic filing fee is:

- ☐ missing.  
☐ insufficient.

Applicant must submit \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).

☐ 2. The following additional claims fees are due:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ total claims over 20.

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Applicant must either submit the additional claim fees or cancel additional claims for which fees are due.

☒ 3. The oath or declaration:

- ☒ is missing or unsigned.  
☐ does not cover the newly submitted items.

An oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, including residence information and identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date is required.

☐ 4. The signature(s) to the oath or declaration is/are by a person other than inventor or person qualified under 37 CFR 1.42, 1.43 or 1.47.

A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.

☐ 5. The signature of the following joint inventor(s) is missing from the oath or declaration:

An oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 listing the names of all inventors and signed by the omitted inventor(s), identifying this application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.

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Applicant must file a verified English translation of the application, the \$130.00 set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(k), unless previously submitted, and a statement that the translation is accurate (37 CFR 1.52(d)).

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